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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re PATENT APPLICATION of	)	Group Art Unit: 1614
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Murty Arimilli et al.	)	Docket No. 221.P1C
	)	
Serial No: 09/187,763	)	Examiner: Michael G. Ambrose
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Filed: November 6, 1998	)	
	)	
Title: ANTIVIRAL PHOSPHONOMETHOXY	)	
NUCLEOTIDE ANALOGS HAVING	)	
<u>INCREASED ORAL BIOAVAILABILITY</u>	)	

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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Cancel without prejudice claims 33 and 34.

Remarks

This is responsive to the telephonic communications between Examiner Ambrose and the undersigned on April 20 and 21, 1999. During the first conversation, applicants elected claims 35-37 in response to a restriction requirement finding separate invention among three groups of claims (35-37, 33,